

Remarks

These remarks are in response to the Action of March 4, 2005, for which a one-month extension is hereby requested. The Office Action was a Restriction Requirement, in response to which

Group I, which is claim 1 and its dependent claims, is hereby elected.

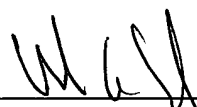
The claims set is amended so that the non-elected independent claims directed to non-elected groups have been cancelled.

Several new, dependent claims have been added. These new claims all have claim 1 as their base claim and are consequently in Group I.

A number of previously pending dependent claims have been amended to change their dependence so that they now have claim 1 as their underlying base claims. Some of these amended claims have also had additional changes to make their antecedent language conform to their (now) underlying claims.

Consideration of the claims of Group I is respectfully requested and an early indication of their allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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